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From: Richard, Ann [Richard.Ann@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/31/2020 3:56:32 AM
To: Patlewicz, Grace [Patlewicz.Grace@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: TSCA 8(a) PFAS Data Call - NDAA Required Action - Seeking ORD Comments on How to Define PFAS for This Action - Please Provide Comments Back to Me by COB Tuesday, 3/31

Hi Grace,

Thanks so much for your comments on the PFAS document. Haven't heard from Chris or Tony yet, but will just send in something to Annette in the morning and cc you all.

So very sorry about all the extra work you're having to do for the QSAR 2020 meeting, with no end in sight it seems since this will now drag on into 2021! I'll try to help however I can, but I know you're shouldering most of the weight of this for us all. So, thank you! Hopefully the worst is over for now.

I did receive your wonderfully long and newsy email on Friday. I think I read it on my phone and wanted to reply in kind, but thought a phone call would be better, then the weekend just got away from me as I was being frenetically busy with my bees and garden and cooking and ... and I didn't want to call when you might be out walking and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. I WILL call tomorrow, promise. Perhaps I'll send a Skype invite since I've become such an expert 😊. Even installed Zoom on my phone, trying to figure out a way to have a virtual birthday party for Melina on Thurs, since we're isolated from Erik & Zhu now, and Melina is not seeing her boyfriend or pool hall friends.

Getting a bit late here, so will try to catch up with you tomorrow. I'm doing better than I was last week, a little less stressed out about everything. Limiting my news intake and spending time outdoors helps.

Thanks again for everything – QSAR 2020, PFAS feedback, long letter!

Ann

From: Patlewicz, Grace <Patlewicz.Grace@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Richard, Ann <Richard.Ann@epa.gov>
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Hey Ann,

Glad you have figured out Skype - I am slowly getting used to it and Teams..but they are not much of a substitute for in person contact...

I'll call, I promise.

Re QSAR2020 - by now you will have received a multitude of notifications - I was doing the sending through the submission system so you probably have duplicated email on a per submitted abstract as well as a delegate if registered. Sorry for that - but I'd rather everyone receive something than inadvertently miss someone off the list.

Kristie is updating the website, I have closed the website to registration and late breaking abstracts and we have put out tweets and sent out the same cancellation email to everyone on our DL list. LRI Awardees of the student travel award have already received a note indicating that they will receive a plaque in the post and their travel award will be carried over to next year. Kristie is contacting sponsors and exhibitors.

Our ICF lady is liaising with the venue to see where we stand there in terms of breaking out contract and what the ramifications are.

We are dealing with each thing, step by step.

The survey monkey has a flaw - it assumes that if you only submitted one abstract - so when you reply - just indicate whether you are interested in any eposters and for which ids. We are only after a rough count on whether providing an ability to present virtual makes any sense - if we have ~50 people saying yes, it will probably be worth doing it. If only 2 or 3 indicate any interest than we won't bother.

I just had a note from Norman saying our PO for Derek and Meteor has been issued so hopefully we will receive new licences to update the temp ones we have - that will be somewhat timely I guess for our discussion with Patra tomorrow.

Hope all is at well at home - I did get around to replying to you (sorry for my tardiness) but I guess you have not picked up my email - touche!

Talk tomorrow for sure

Best

Grace

From: Richard, Ann <Richard.Ann@epa.gov>

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Hi Grace,

I'll send my thoughts on the document shortly. Let me know if I can be of help with anything related to the QSAR 2020. I've finally figured out how to Skype with the audio and video. Call me sometime 😊

Ann

From: Patlewicz, Grace <Patlewicz.Grace@epa.gov>

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To: Richard, Ann <Richard.Ann@epa.gov>; Williams, Antony <Williams.Antony@epa.gov>; Grulke, Chris <Grulke.Chris@epa.gov>

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Thanks Ann, I had so been tunnel visioned what with the QSAR2020 issues amongst other things that this fell off my radar entirely - really sorry.

I will take a look at the document in the meantime..

Grace

From: Richard, Ann <Richard.Ann@epa.gov>
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I've looked at the document and wanted to coordinate response with others cc'd here before sending you comments. Will send you something by noon tomorrow at the latest, hopefully sooner.

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Folks,

Can you confirm if you are able to provide feedback on the proposed PFAS definition by tomorrow morning? I will consolidate whatever is sent but checking whether I should wait or not. Thanks.

All best, Annette (Mobile: 919.451.0621).

From: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:54 PM
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Folks,

OCSPP has requested that ORD review their proposed definition of PFAS for the TSCA Section 8(a) rulemaking (attached) under the requirements of the National Defense Authorization Act (also attached). Your help is needed in doing so.

Per the notes below, can you review and send me comments by Tuesday March 31 at noon to make the OSAPE's COB deadline? I will review, compile and send along. **Let me know if you are not able to make this deadline.** Thanks.

Larry and Richard – I know that Gary contacted you separately. I suggest that you include me on your response to Gary. Thanks again.

All best, Annette (Mobile: 919.451.0621).

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Hello, PFAS Leads for ORD Centers.

ORD/OSAPE is contacting you for assistance in conducting a wider ORD review of OCSPP's initial thoughts on their potential approaches to define what PFAS will be included in the **TSCA Section 8(a) Data Call** rulemaking that they are currently developing as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). Please see the attached document - NDAA 2020 - Title LXXIII PFAS - Subtitle E – for the statutory background for this action.

NDAA does not provide a PFAS definition or specific list of PFAS for EPA to include in this TSCA Section 8(a) rulemaking. Therefore, OCSPP is trying to determine what PFAS it will include for the action and has currently come up with two potential approaches, as outlined in the attached document – PFAS TSCA 8a scope_workingcopy_for comment – i.e., (1) a PFAS definition or set of criteria; or (2) a discrete list of PFAS to include in the rule. OCSPP wants participating EPA offices to provide feedback on these potential approaches or suggestions for any other approaches to consider. OSAPE is reaching out to the ORD Center PFAS Leads to have the appropriate ORD experts review these potential approaches, and OSAPE will provide those comments to OCSPP for their consideration as they move forward with this rulemaking.

Please review the attached PFAS TSCA 8(a) Scope document and provide any comments from your Center back to me by COB Tuesday, 3/31. OSAPE will provide consolidated comments to OCSPP for consideration and continued workgroup discussions on the development of this TSCA Section 8(a) rulemaking.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping with this request. Please reach out to me if there are any questions.

Regards,
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